

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Current copyright control technologies have made digital recordings that I create almost impossible to transfer via digital media this is MY RECORDINGS. I would oppose any technology blocks that keep an individual from creating, processing, storing, and transmitting materials that they themselves create. Technologies that can benefit research and the arts are crippled in the name of copyright protection.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes. Research equipment is constructed to make use of A/D technologies for recording data, sonar, video, ultrasound, meteorological measurements, and many other parameters. Once in the digital domain, these data can be stored and processed on a very wide gamut of equipment ... most of which would be targetted by this ruling !!! Since when does the entertainment industry have the impetus to place such far reaching constraints on basic, and significant technologies.

Other Comments:

The DRM system, as I understand it is an excessive action, being taken reactionally, without regard for its full impact on the rights and uses of basic technologies by American Citizens. It can be so constrictive as to totally cripple any further development of basic digital technologies in the areas where they are needed most ... research, communications, and medicine - under the guise of protecting copyrights, which is truly absurd !!